& I will return you the sheets I already have, if of any use to you. Also for the specimens you have forwarded to me, thro' Dr. Torrey, which I shall, no doubt, receive, in due time.

Darlington is preparing a new Edn. of his Fl. Cest. He sent me his Willows some weeks ago, & today I have a letter from him about some Carices, so I suppose he is nearly through with the Job.

I beg my kind love to Mrs Gray, from whom I am always pleased to hear, when leisure & inclination serve — also best respects to Mr. & Mrs Loring, if they are with you.

Believe me,
very truly Yrs.
Jno Carey

I have heard nothing from Olney since he went South.

New York —
3rd April 1852.

My dear Gray —

I thank you for your esteemed letter, & am well pleased to find that your long silence was not occasioned by sickness. For the rest, I well know you are too busy to waste much time on such an unprofitable correspondent.

On the 17th Feby my daughter was safely confined with (to all appearance) a fine little boy, but, unhappily, he only lived a single day! This is another sad disappointment, but she, herself, is about again, & very comfortable.

For the last fortnight I have been working in the Shrubbery of my friend Mr. Kingsford, at

Staten Island - & find fewer casualties that might have been anticipated, in such a rigorous winter - Pinus Pinaspo is in good health, & must assuredly, therefore, be esteemed quite hardy - but P. pinea has perished -

Amongst my mem.s connected with the plants I brought, last, from Cambridge, I find that one which you thought a large form of Arenaria Stricta called on Lake Superior, by C. S. Jackson, is a large & diffuse state of Sajina nodosa - I have the same thing from Whitney - & C. Loring - also from L. Superior -

I shall be happy to see you here next May - & hope my young folks may not have left the city before your arrival - It is probable that I shall be here, at any rate. My brother has bought a pretty farm at East Chester (73 acres) & he proposes moving there in about a fortnight - The distance is about 16 miles, but as it is only 1¼ mile from the N. Haven R.R. he will ride backward & forwards to Pine St. every day. I trust this move will benefit his general health, & add to his comfort.

I have not seen any of our friends, the Torreys, for 4 or 5 weeks so you know more about them than I do myself. In fact, I go out very little (never unless compelled) & know nothing of what is going on in the world. I have not heard, or seen, any thing further of D.r Merriam.

I thank you, very much, for the promised copy of the Pl. Wright.